

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend lines 25-28 on page 4 as follows:

Figure 6 is a high-level logic flow diagram of a method for asynchronously allocating a sparse logical volume within a mirrored physical volume configuration, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

Please amend page 5 as follows:

Figure 7 is a high-level logic flow diagram of a method for synchronizing a sparse logical volume within a mirrored physical volume configuration after the failure of one of the mirrored physical volumes, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

Figure 8 is a block diagram of a computer system in which a preferred embodiment of the present invention is incorporated.